(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Information is being collected.

CPSUs in the country

353. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Central Public Sector Units in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of PSUs making profit/loss, unit-wise and State-wise;

(c) the reasons for their sickness, if any;

(d) the number of workers in sick PSUs, unit-wise; and

(e) the steps Government have taken or propose to take for opening of fresh such units in Himachal Pradesh in comparison to other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The number of Central PSUs in the country, State-wise are given in Appendix III of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 which was laid in Parliament on 26.2.99 and is a published document.

(b) The number of PSUs making profit/loss are given in Statements 7A and 7B of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98, till which period the information is available.

(c) The reasons for sickness are enterprise specific. However, some of the common reasons for sickness include inherited sickness in case of taken over units from the private sector, obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilisation, excess manpower, resource crunch and erosion of net worth due to continuous losses, lack of credit worthiness, heavy interest burden, etc.

(d) The number of workers in PSUs including sick PSUs are given in Statement 13 of Volume I of the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98.

(e) At present there is no proposal for setting up new public sector enterprises in Himachal Pradesh.

Profits and Losses of PSUs

354. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state: